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SUBJ: US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: VISIT OF URBAN US

ENVIRONMENTAL WORKING GROUP

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1. PLEASE INFORM DR. A.A.O. KUDRYAVTSEV, CHAIRMAN OF THE
USSR URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL WORKING GROUP OF OUR APPRECIATION
OF THE THOUGHTFUL DRAFT PROGRAM FOR THE JOINT US-USSR GROUP
MEETING AND TOUR WHICH HE SUBMITTED TO US CHAIRMAN MOSCOW.
IN ORDER TO ASSIST HIM IN FINAL PROGRAMMING, PLEASE TRANSMIT
TO KUDRYAVTSEV BOTH THE COMMENTS BELOW AND THE OUTLINE,
WHICH FOLLOWS IN SEPTEL, OF THE US GROUP'S MAJOR INTERESTS
DURING ITS VISIT.

2. UNFORTUNATELY MOSCOW' OTHER COMMITMENTS REQUIRE HIS DE-
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PARTURE FROM MOSCOW ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1. CONSEQUENTLY

REQUEST THAT OFFICIAL PROGRAM TERMINATE NOVEMBER 30.

3. BECAUSE THE PROGRAM WILL HAVE TO BE CONSTRICTED, AND BECAUSE IT WOULD ALLOW MORE TIME FOR US TEAM MEMBERS TO SATISFY SPECIAL AREA INTERESTS, SUGGEST THAT SOVIETS ARRANGE SEPARATE EXPERT-TO-EXPERT DISCUSSIONS DURING VISIT TO MAJOR CITIES.

4. OTHER GENERAL COMMENTS ARE: 1) PROGRAM IS AN EARNEST EFFORT TO ACCOMMODATE KNOWN US INTERESTS, BUT IS MUCH TOO TIGHT AND SOME FREE TIME WOULD SEEM NECESSARY. 2) WOULD BE HELPFUL IF SOVIETS PROVIDED --PRIOR TO US GROUP'S DEPARTURE FROM THE US--OUTLINE OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND ORGANIZATION OF THE INSTITUTES TO BE VISITED.

5. MEMBERS OF US GROUP MAKE FOLLOWING PROGRAM REQUESTS:
A) HISTORIC PRESERVATION SPECIALIST WOULD LIKE TO VISIT NOVGOROD AND GOLDEN RING TOWNS INSTEAD OF TOLYATTI AND AKADEMGORODOK, JOINING THE REST OF THE GROUP IN TASHKENT. HE IS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN VISITING AN HISTORIC PRESERVATION WORKSHOP, PREFERABLY THE ONE IN LENINGRAD. B) SOLID WASTE SPECIALIST WISHES TO VISIT AND EXPERIMENTAL SOLID WASTE SORTING STATION, THE NEW INCINERATOR TO PRODUCE ENERGY, AND THE PNEUMATIC COLLECTION SYSTEM IN MOSCOW IF LAST IS INSTALLED.

C) TRANSPORTATION AND NOISE SPECIALISTS WISH TO VISIT A SUBWAY CONSTRUCTION SITE IN TASHKENT AND TO DISCUSS ADMINISTRATION AS WELL AS THE PLANNING OF THEIR SPECIALTIES, PERHAPS WITH MINISTRY OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND MINISTRY OF AUTO TRANSPORT (FOR MASS TRANSIT) AND MINISTRY OF HEALTH (FOR NOISE STANDARDS).

D) ABOVE SPECIALISTS HOPE THAT TALKS WITH THE CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES WILL INCLUDE DISCUSSION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRANSPORTATION, SOLID WASTE, AND NOISE ABATEMENT AS WELL AS COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING.

E) COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND NEW COMMUNITIES SPECIALISTS WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS ESTABLISHMENT OF AKADEMGORODOK WITH M.A. LAVRENTIEV.

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6. US ASSUMES SOVIET HOST ORGANIZATION WILL MAKE ALL TRANSPORTATION AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS INSIDE USSR. US GROUP WILL BE OBTAINING OPEN AIRLINE TICKETS AS KUDRYAVTSEV SUGGESTED AS SOON AS REVISED PROGRAM RECEIVED.
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